



ES.V9 Festivals and Celebrations in Spanish-Speaking Countries

Total Marks

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Answer every question. Write full sentences only where instructed. Note: accents, the enye and inverted punctuation have been omitted in the Spanish text for print compatibility; in your answers write them correctly where required.

- 1** Empareja los nombres de estos festivales con la descripción correcta. Festival list: A la Navidad, B los Sanfermines, C la Semana Santa, D el Día de los Muertos, E las Fallas, F la Nochevieja, G el Carnaval, H los fuegos artificiales. Descriptions: 1 A week of processions with religious statues and pasos in many Spanish towns in spring; 2 People wear elaborate masks and costumes and there are parades before Lent; 3 Night when people stay up to celebrate the new year, often with fireworks at midnight; 4 Large paper and wood monuments are burned in March, especially in Valencia; 5 A family festival in Mexico remembering deceased relatives with altars of flowers; 6 A winter holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus with family meals and presents; 7 Running of the bulls in Pamplona where people run through the streets; 8 Colourful displays in the sky at celebrations and on New Year night.
- (a) Match festival A (la Navidad) to the correct description number. (1)
- (b) Match festival B (los Sanfermines) to the correct description number. (1)
- (c) Match festival C (la Semana Santa) to the correct description number. (1)
- (d) Match festival D (el Día de los Muertos) to the correct description number. (1)
- (e) Match festival E (las Fallas) to the correct description number. (1)
- (f) Match festival F (la Nochevieja) to the correct description number. (1)
- (g) Match festival G (el Carnaval) to the correct description number. (1)

- (h) Match festival H (los fuegos artificiales) to the correct description number. (1)

(Total for Question 1 is 8 marks)

2 Completa el texto con las palabras del banco: [desfile, disfrazarse, se celebra en, los fuegos artificiales, la Nochevieja, el Carnaval, la Semana Santa, Espana, el Dia de los Muertos]. The prompt describes different festivals and needs eight gaps filled.

- (a) Gap 1: En muchas ciudades de (1) _____ hay un gran desfile... (1)
- (b) Gap 2: ...hay un gran (2) _____ con comparsas... (1)
- (c) Gap 3: En el (3) _____ la gente suele disfrazarse... (1)
- (d) Gap 4: la gente suele (4) _____ y llevar mascararas coloridas. (1)
- (e) Gap 5: (5) _____ es una fiesta religiosa... (1)
- (f) Gap 6: ...que (6) _____ primavera y tiene procesiones. (1)
- (g) Gap 7: En Mexico, (7) _____ se celebra con altares para los difuntos. (1)
- (h) Gap 8: En muchas celebraciones se ven (8) _____ en el cielo. (1)

(Total for Question 2 is 8 marks)

3 Traduce estas frases al inglés. Translate the Spanish festival sentences into English. Write short answers in English.

(a) 1. La gente se disfrazA para el Carnaval. (1)

(b) 2. Las Fallas terminan con la quema de ninots. (1)

(c) 3. En Nochevieja, la gente come doce uvas a medianoche. (1)

(d) 4. El Día de los Muertos incluye ofrendas y flores. (1)

(e) 5. En los Sanfermines, algunas personas corren con los toros. (1)

(f) 6. Los fuegos artificiales iluminan el cielo durante las fiestas. (1)

(Total for Question 3 is 6 marks)

4 Traduce estas frases al español. Translate the English festival sentences into Spanish. Each part is worth 2 marks and is marked by sense-chunk.

(a) 1. We go to a big parade every year. (2)

(b) 2. People usually celebrate it in March. (2)

(c) 3. They light lots of fireworks at midnight. (2)

(d) 4. She dresses up as a character for Carnival. (2)

(e) 5. My family makes an altar with flowers. (2)

(f) 6. They burn the big figures at the end of the festival. (2)

(Total for Question 4 is 12 marks)

5 Clasifica estas celebraciones segun la estacion o el pais indicado. For each festival write one short label: invierno, primavera, verano, o Mexico. Festivals: 1 la Navidad, 2 las Fallas, 3 los Sanfermines, 4 el Dia de los Muertos, 5 la Semana Santa, 6 la Nochevieja, 7 el Carnaval, 8 las vacaciones de verano (example included).

(a) 1. la Navidad -> (1)

(b) 2. las Fallas -> (1)

(c) 3. los Sanfermines -> (1)

(d) 4. el Dia de los Muertos -> (1)

(e) 5. la Semana Santa -> (1)

(f) 6. la Nochevieja -> (1)

(g) 7. el Carnaval -> (1)

(h) 8. las vacaciones de verano -> (example) (1)

(Total for Question 5 is 8 marks)

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Question 1

- (a) **B1 6**
- (a) **Answer: 6**
- (b) **B1 7**
- (b) **Answer: 7**
- (c) **B1 1**
- (c) **Answer: 1**
- (d) **B1 5**
- (d) **Answer: 5**
- (e) **B1 4**
- (e) **Answer: 4**
- (f) **B1 3**
- (f) **Answer: 3**
- (g) **B1 2**
- (g) **Answer: 2**
- (h) **B1 8**
- (h) **Answer: 8**

Question 2

- (a) **B1 Espana**
- (a) **Answer: Espana**
- (b) **B1 desfile**
- (b) **Answer: desfile**
- (c) **B1 Carnaval**
- (c) **Answer: Carnaval**
- (d) **B1 disfrazarse**
- (d) **Answer: disfrazarse**
- (e) **B1 La Semana Santa**
- (e) **Answer: La Semana Santa**
- (f) **B1 se celebra en**
- (f) **Answer: se celebra en**
- (g) **B1 el Dia de los Muertos**
- (g) **Answer: el Dia de los Muertos**
- (h) **B1 los fuegos artificiales**
- (h) **Answer: los fuegos artificiales**

Question 3

- (a) **B1** People dress up for Carnival
- (a) **Answer: People dress up for Carnival.**
- (b) **B1** The Fallas end with the burning of ninots/figures
- (b) **Answer: The Fallas end with the burning of ninots (figures).**
- (c) **B1** On New Year's Eve people eat twelve grapes at midnight
- (c) **Answer: On New Year's Eve, people eat twelve grapes at midnight.**
- (d) **B1** The Day of the Dead includes offerings and flowers
- (d) **Answer: The Day of the Dead includes offerings and flowers.**
- (e) **B1** At the Sanfermines some people run with the bulls
- (e) **Answer: At the Sanfermines, some people run with the bulls.**
- (f) **B1** Fireworks light up the sky during festivals
- (f) **Answer: Fireworks light up the sky during festivals.**

Question 4

- (a) **M1** Correct Spanish for 'we go' + 'to a big parade' (eg vamos a un gran desfile)
- (a) **A1** Accurate word order and agreement (eg vamos a un gran desfile)
- (a) **Answer: Vamos a un gran desfile cada ano.**
- (b) **M1** Correct translation of 'people usually' and 'celebrate' (eg la gente suele celebrarlo)
- (b) **A1** Correct preposition and month (eg en marzo)
- (b) **Answer: La gente suele celebrarlo en marzo.**
- (c) **M1** Correct verb for light or set off fireworks (eg encienden muchos fuegos artificiales)
- (c) **A1** Timing correctly expressed (eg a medianoche)
- (c) **Answer: Encienden muchos fuegos artificiales a medianoche.**
- (d) **M1** Correct reflexive use for dress up (eg se disfraza)
- (d) **A1** Correct complement 'as a character' and festival (eg de un personaje para el Carnaval)
- (d) **Answer: Se disfraza de un personaje para el Carnaval.**
- (e) **M1** Correct verb and possession (eg Mi familia hace un altar)
- (e) **A1** Addition of 'with flowers' (eg con flores)
- (e) **Answer: Mi familia hace un altar con flores.**
- (f) **M1** Accurate verb for burn and object (eg queman las figuras grandes)
- (f) **A1** Correct phrase for 'at the end of the festival' (eg al final de la fiesta)
- (f) **Answer: Queman las figuras grandes al final de la fiesta.**

Question 5

- (a) **B1** invierno
- (a) **Answer: invierno**
- (b) **B1** primavera
- (b) **Answer: primavera**
- (c) **B1** verano
- (c) **Answer: verano**
- (d) **B1** Mexico
- (d) **Answer: Mexico**
- (e) **B1** primavera
- (e) **Answer: primavera**
- (f) **B1** invierno
- (f) **Answer: invierno**
- (g) **B1** primavera
- (g) **Answer: primavera**
- (h) **B1** verano
- (h) **Answer: verano**